

**Volunteers  
Building Strong,  
Healthy & Prepared  
Communities**

If you live or work in any of  
the 13 counties or 3 cities  
of southwestern Virginia  
and you have the skills,  
training and interest in  
being a part of the  
emergency response  
system in your community,  
please contact the  
Southwest Virginia Medical  
Reserve Corps today.  
Each of us can make a  
difference.

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# What is the Medical Reserve Corps?

The Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corps is a cadre of volunteer health care professionals and community members trained to respond and assist the local Emergency Response Systems in the 13 counties and 3 cities that comprise southwestern Virginia. Throughout the region, citizens are prepared to assist with public health crises in the Lenowisco, Cumberland Plateau and/or Mount Rogers Health Districts.

The SWVA Medical Reserve Corps is one of 24 units in the Commonwealth of Virginia and one of nearly 700 throughout the nation organizing similar responses to natural and man-made disasters.

- Prepares volunteers for their emergency response roles in advance
- Provides additional manpower during large-scale emergencies
- Provide reserve capacity at the community level to respond to emergency public health needs and priorities.

## Who Should Apply?

Practicing, retired or otherwise employed medical professionals, such as, but not limited too:

- Physician/Physician's Assistant
- Nurses—RN & LPN
- Dentists
- Pharmacists
- Veterinarians
- Paramedics, EMTs
- Mental Health Professionals
- Nurse Practitioners
- Massage Therapists
- Respiratory Therapists

**Community members without medical training will also play a vital role in the Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corps, such as**

- Clergy
- Translators
- Administrative Assistants
- Educators
- Sign-Language Interpreters



SWVA MRC Volunteers assisting at statewide drill in October 2005

## Reserve Corps Training



Training for MRC members includes Strategic National Stockpile, Incident Command System and Mass Dispensing. Elective training may include crisis intervention, CPR/First Aid, community preparedness and infectious disease control and response.

We are pleased to offer in-house group orientation and training to agencies, squads, medical practices, CERT teams, and other interested groups.

**EMS and Law Enforcement CEUs may be available for selective training opportunities.**

Once initial training is completed and medical licenses and/or certifications have been verified, the MRC member will be ready for activation

For information or to register, visit our website at [www.vdh.virginia.gov/mrc/swvamrc](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/mrc/swvamrc)

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